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Has Gained Currency All Over the Country.

NOTHING IS KNOWN.

Washington Has Not Heard a Word About It.

Neither at State Department or Smithsonian Institution.

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ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD.

Hands Indicate He Was a Laboring Man.

Body Found in Outhouse of Vacant Residence.

Mystery surrounds the identity of a young man who committed suicide by hanging himself in an out-house back of an empty house at 722 North Monroe street. He was found there accidentally late Thursday evening by Gasper Sphan, the 14-year-old son of John Sphan, of 535 Sardon avenue.

The dead man is rather heavyset, weighed probably 150 pounds and had brown hair, and perhaps 25 years old. He was dressed in a rough dark grey suit, and blue negligee shirt without a tie. He wore heavy tan shoes. He had no underwear. His suit bore the mark of Robinson & Marshall of Topeka and evidently had not been worn much. A black derby hat punched with the initials, "C. P.," was found on the floor beneath the body. A pair, likely torn from a note book, contained the name, "V. P. Booth." It is not known whether this is the man's name or not.

On the river trip ended the president was taken for a fast ride over the automobile course of which the grand prize were run last fall. The ride ended at Thunderbolt casino, where luncheon was served.

His Banquet Speech. On the way back to the station to take the train for Charleston, the president passed before all the school children of the city. Mr. Taft made a happy speech at the banquet given in his honor. He was the last on the long program. At one time during his speech there were cries of "second term" and the old Cleveland yell of "four years more."

The president said he had the same grimly expressions from one audience—in the District of Columbia.

"Therefore," he added, "amid laughter, I accept such a demonstration as an evidence of profound good fellowship and welcome and appreciate it and I pass over the matter of judgment and power."

The president made a great hit with his audience by referring to "Ty" Cobb, the famous batsman of the Detroit American league baseball team, as one of the distinguished citizens of the United States.

The president paid tribute to the United States army and navy and agreed with Rear Admiral Sperry who had responded to a question of whether there was no act "in the wonderfully useful and inspiring administration of Theodore Roosevelt to which we are more indebted than the sending of the 16 battleships around the world."

"Steam Engine in Breaches." Referring to the Panama canal, the president repeated the promise he has made before that it will be completed by January 1, 1915. The president said it took a strong man to supervise the work as secretary of war, so he chose a southerner, Mr. Dickinson, a man of wonderful ingenuity and a "steam engine in breaches." It was when the president said he hoped the Panama canal would be hurried to completion during his term of office that the cry of "four years more" came from the banqueters.

"Your city of Savannah," said the president, "has a history and traditions of which you may well be proud. I don't wonder that every smile I see in Georgia is broader than when I was here in January. With 15 cent cotton you can be enthusiastic to the point of subsistence and people will understand why."

"Head May Be Swelled." "I can not help feeling (perhaps my head is a little bit swelled and I am too prone to that sort of thing) there is something personal in the reception I have received in Georgia and in this city, and that it gives me a great deal of pleasure to do what little I can as the chief magistrate of this nation to show to Georgia and her sister southern states that in the administration of the government at Washington she is as much a part as the state of Ohio."

In firing a salute to President Taft as he was being taken down the river here today, two men, Charles Hanson, white, and Cornelius Hamilton, colored, were badly injured by the explosion of the cannon. Hanson will probably lose an eye and the negro a hand.

A part of the cannon passed over the revenue cutter on which the president had taken passage.

BODY TO EL DORADO.

Remains of T. B. Murdock Taken Back to Home Town.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 5.—The body of Thomas Benton Murdock, editor of the El Dorado, Kan., Republic, who died here last night, was taken to El Dorado today. No funeral arrangements have been made.

introduced the condition of the house, following the crime.

When an examination was resumed the accused woman described an ordeal to which she had been subjected and which she said continued for four hours. During the ordeal she claimed that the French journalists had tortured her into denouncing Wolf by telling her that she was about to be arrested. Before she had finished this recital, Mrs. Steinhell broke down under excitement and was fainting from the court room.

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The Two Men Who Have Made the Present State Teachers' Association the Greatest on Record.



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WAS FALSE ALARM.

Nothing Found to Explain Signals of Distress.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 5.—No trace has yet been found of the vessel supposed to have been wrecked on the Marine county coast near Bodega, and seafaring men at this port generally are of the opinion that no steamer has gone ashore there. A wireless message from the revenue cutter Hugh McCallough, received this morning, stated that she had been unable to discover any evidence of a marine disaster, but was continuing to patrol the coast in an effort to solve the mystery of the signals of distress heard on Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

The life saving crew from Point Reyes has given up the search and returned.

The impression prevails that the whistles heard on shore were blown by some vessel not dangerously close to land during the thick fog, but which succeeded in escaping accident.



The Unknown Man Who Was Found Hanging in North Topeka.

A small pocket mirror in a leather case old and worn, and a piece of a pocket comb were also found. The man's left hand had two nails the result of a felon. According to the police who were called after the body was recovered, the man's hands were calloused from work, but were not like the hands of a tramp.

Dr. H. H. Keith, the coroner, after examining the body, said that he believed the man had been dead for several days as decomposition had begun. The marks on the throat and the blue appearance of the face lead the doctor to believe that death resulted from strangulation, although it is possible that the man could have been murdered and his body hung to cover the crime.

Last night the remains were turned over to an undertaker pending a further investigation. Unless the relatives of the body will be buried in the Potter's field.

Only by chance was the body found. Young Sphan and a friend were passing the empty dwelling at 722 North Monroe street and were about to turn into the alley when the former pushed the out-house door open. The boys saw the body of a man suspended by a rope from a slender tree which was attached to the low roof of the building. The knees were touching the floor and the feet were stretched back and the man was apparently dead.

Dr. Keith and the police were immediately notified and went to the scene. Developments today indicate, although not conclusively, that the suicide found hanging in an out-house at the rear of an empty residence, at 722 North Monroe street, North Topeka, late Thursday evening, was John Smith, wanted in Kilt Carson county, Colorado, for grand larceny.

A description of Smith has been received by the police who compared the general description of the two men. Then it was noted that with one exception the tally was perfect. The dead man bore a mark which was not found in the description given of Smith—on a finger of the right hand was a double nail which the authorities think would hardly have been overlooked in the description provided that the suicide is really the Colorado man.

No other clues have been obtained which would tend to clear up the mystery which surrounds the dead man's identity. The fact that the dead man wore a cloth purchased in Topeka, which were not the worse for wear might tend to help in the identification, but even then Smith might have purchased them after coming here, provided that the man is really the Colorado fugitive.

The suit, a dark grey, which was purchased at the Robinson & Marshall company store, was said to be a \$30 suit. J. W. Robinson examined the clothes this morning. The man wore a pair of tan shoes, size 9 1/2. The foot-wear is thought to have cost about \$5. The man proved to be not very much. It bore the mark of DeMuth & Co., of Chicago. A French briar pipe was also found on him, besides a small mirror and comb.

The Robinson people do not remember of selling this suit recently, nor do they recollect having seen the man described to them. Neither do the clerks remember of having sold a suit like that described to a man answering the suicide's description. However, a year ago a suit was sold to a Vernon P. Booth, the man proved to be a graduate of the Washington Medical college. He is now said to be living at Coffeyville with his wife and family.

Several people of the North side said they saw the man a few days before his dead body was discovered. Among others, John Holliday, of 831 North Madison street, said he had seen the man in the doorway of a vacant house near where his body was afterwards found. Mr. Holliday asked him if he was contemplating moving there and

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